

Bird Club Notes

With this number of Cassinia we present a sketch of another of Philadelphia's famous ornithologists, accompanied by a portrait. In each succeeding issue we hope to present an outline of the life of one of our predecessors who helped to make Philadelphia, for many years, a center of ornithological activity.

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The club held sixteen meetings during 1902, with an average attendance of eighteen, forty-six members attending one or more meetings.

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The Club has this year successfully organized a corps of observers for the study of bird migration which bids fair to produce some records of considerable scientific value, as well as to bring into closer touch all persons interested in bird study in Eastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey; forty-two observers were engaged in the work during the past year and we hope to largely increase the number next season. We shall be glad of the assistance of any one familiar with our commoner birds, and so situated as to be able to note the progress of the spring migration. A blank schedule will be forwarded to any one who desires to engage in the work. Inquiries should be addressed to WILLIAM E. HANNUM, Chairman D. V. O. C., Committee on Bird Migration, Swarthmore College, Delaware County, Pa.

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In beginning its third year the Spencer F. Baird Club starts with renewed interest and greater enthusiasm among its members. Plans for the year's work have been discussed and a regular course of study planned with the definite aim in view of creating a greater interest in the study of birds in Philadelphia. It is purposed to celebrate annually, February 3d, Prof. Baird's

birthday by a public meeting, to which all interested in the study of birds will be invited. The officers for the ensuing year are President, Mrs. Edward Robins, Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Mary Parker Nicholson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. William Channing Russel.

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The Pennsylvania Audubon Society has reached a general membership of over 7,000 representing all but six of the sixty-eight counties of the state.

At the meeting of the National Committees of the Audubon Societies held in Washington, D. C., November 19, 1902, fifteen societies were represented.

Mr. F. M. Chapman addressed the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Audubon Society at the Academy of Natural Sciences, January 10, 1903, on "The Life of the Nest."

The old officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

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At the A. O. U. Congress held in Washington, D. C., Nov., 1902, the D V O C. was represented by Messrs Pennock, Morris, Baily, Evans, Wight, Rehn and Stone, and four papers were presented by club members.

"Notes on the life of Edward Harris with extracts from his Journals," George Spencer Morris.

"A Contribution to the Life History of the Herring Gull," Wm L. Baily and Wm. Dutcher

"A Glance at the Historical Side of the Check-List of North American Birds," Witmer Stone.

"The Significance of Trinomials in Nomenclature," Witmer Stone.

Bartram W. Griffiths, Thomas D. Keim and Chreswell J. Hunt, of the D V. O. C., were elected Associates of the Union.

The twenty-first congress of the A O. U will be held at the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, Nov. 16, 1903, and a committee of arrangements has been appointed, consisting of Witmer Stone, William L. Baily and Charles J. Pennock.